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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

a. A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. ***Claim 12-22, 25-28, 30*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisele et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,034,995 referred herein after Eisele) in view of Williamson (U. S. Patent No. 5,124,990).

3. ***Claim 23*** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisele and Williamson in view of Barclay et al (U. S. Patent No. 4,516,248 referred herein after Barclay).

4. ***Claim 24*** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisele and Williamson in view of Baker (U. S. Patent No. 6,535,028).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See Form 892.

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